

"Reducing Costs through a Partnered Approach"

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### **Agenda**

- Why Strategic Partnerships?
- Benefits of Partnering
- Partnership Options
- Travel Agreements
- STMP Innovation
- Strategic Partners

### WHY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS?

"At the end of the day government is about teamwork and partnership and we will be proving that by working together."

**Julia Gillard** 

## WHY? Cost Savings

- Focus your resources on what you do best and PARTNER for the rest!
- Solicitation
  - SAVE on TIME, PROCESS and LABOR COSTS
    - E&I Cooperative Purchasing
      - RFP Cost Estimator Tool
  - Competitively bid by the State of Colorado
    - Cost for Managing CC RFP process ± \$30,000 with a 5 person team
- VOLUME Based Agreements
  - Airline Price Agreements
    - Colorado IS I of only 2 States with Airline Contracts

### **BENEFITS OF PARTNERING**

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

Lao Tzu

## BENEFITS: Vendor Management

- Share Information and Priorities
  - STMP Vendor Roundtable
- Balance Commitment and Competition
  - Partner Input with Rate Increase Requests
- Allow Key Vendors to Help Strategize
  - How to Address Partnership Needs
- Build Partnerships for the Long Term
  - AVIS/Budget Renewal through 2015
- Seek to Understand Vendor's Business
  - Contribute knowledge or resources that may help the vendor better serve the State

# BENEFITS: Claims Management

- Automobile Rental Agreements
  - 5 Vendors
  - Collision Damage Waiver Insurance
  - \$1 Million // \$300,000 Liability Insurance

### VISA

- Collision Damage Waiver Insurance
  - Excluded Vehicles
  - Excluded Locations
  - Claim Filing Deadline
- Liability Waiver Program

### CitiBank

\$350,000 Travel Accident Insurance

## BENEFITS: Professional Support

- STMP Provides:
  - Subject Matter Expertise
    - Travel Contracts // Travel Rules // Travel Industry
  - Stability for a Chaotic Industry
    - Air Ancillary Fees
  - Resource for Urgent Assistance
    - Assistance for the Unexpected
  - Address Partnership Needs
    - Cargo Box Trucks & Trailers
  - Support for Cardholder Training
    - Off Site // On Site // Best Practices



"Travel is glamorous only in retrospect."

Paul Theroux

### Inter-Governmental Agreement [IGA]

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**EXHIBIT A-STATEMENT OF WORK AND BUDGET** 

#### **EXHIBIT A-STATEMENT OF WORK AND BUDGET**

- Purpose and Scope of Work
  - The mission of the State Travel Management Program ("STMP")
  - Definitions
- Statement of Work and Responsibilities of the STMP
  - Objectives of the Program
  - Establishing Programs and Continuity of Support
  - Program Parameters
  - Training for the Vendor Community
  - Reports
  - System Security
- Participating ENTITY Duties, Responsibilities, and Understandings
  - Utilize components of the State Travel Management Program including . . .
  - Comply with the terms and conditions of all the individual STMP related contracts
  - To designate a Travel Compliance Designee
  - Media and Open Records Requests
  - Accident Reports
  - Cooperation of the Parties

# Letter of Agreement [LOA] State of Colorado

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By this letter the State Travel Management Program [STMP] and COUNTY OF OZ agrees that COUNTY OF OZ will participate in the STMP with a limited scope of service as approved by the CITY AND COUNTY OF OZ County Commissioners.

Effective immediately, COUNTY OF OZ is allowed to participate in the STMP Automobile Rental Agreements ONLY

COUNTY OF OZ is allowed to use the county credit card for payment and/or direct bill with the vendors which will be paid within two weeks of receipt

The STMP agrees to provide guidance, education and compliance support to political subdivision program participants [COUNTY OF OZ].

### STMP Services Available for <u>ALL</u>

- STMP Web Site Resources
  - Tax Exempt Guide
  - Per Diems
  - Travel Tools
    - City/County Search
    - Universal Currency Converter
    - International Taxi Fare Calculator
    - SeatGuru
  - Rules

www.colorado.gov/travel

- Fly America Act
- Risk Management Vehicle Use Guide
- Patriot Act [and Opinion]
- STMP Lodging Program

### STMP TRAVEL AGREEMENTS

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

Henry Miller

# Commercial Card Program



Central Travel Card
Entity Billed Corporate Liability

#### **Account Functionalities**

Standard Point of Sale Cards Meeting / Event Account Declining Balance Account Departmental Card

CORPORATE
FOR APPROVED BUSINESS USE ONLY



ONE Card
Entity Billed Corporate Liability

#### **Account Functionalities**

Standard Point of Sale Cards
Ghost Accounts
Meeting / Event Account
Declining Balance Account
Departmental Cards
Emergency Cards

COMMERCIAL FOR APPROVED BUSINESS USE ONLY

## Commercial Card Program



### **Travel Card** – Individually-billed

Joint/Several Liability

#### **Account Functionalities**

Standard Point of Sale Cards
Allows Cash Access
Allows 59 Days to Pay
NOT State Tax Exempt

CORPORATE FOR APPROVED BUSINESS USE ONLY



### Central Travel Account [Ghost]

**Entity Billed** Corporate Liability

#### **Account Functionalities**

White plastic card is issued without a magnetic stripe

<u>Cannot</u> be used for point of sale purchases Card includes verification code [CVV2]

Allows for Internet purchases by awarded travel agency

Account is established for use by a specific travel agency [merchant].

### State of Colorado Rebate Process

Aggregate Annual Sales Volume: \$150,000,000 =

• Rebate Percentage Earned: <u>1.45%</u>

 Early Payment Incentive & rebate calculated for each Entity Rebate Calculation Scenarios:

Agency "A" Total Annual Sales Volume: \$2,000,000

Central Bill / Card Program Type	Annual Sales Volume	File Turn Days	Early Payment Basis Points	Combined Rebate % Earned	Total Rebate Revenue
Purchasing Card (Corporate Liability)	\$500,000	7	23	1.68%	\$8,400
Travel - Central Card (Corporate Liability)	\$500,000	14	16	1.61%	\$8,050
Travel - Ghost Account (Corporate Liability)	\$500,000	30	0	1.45%	\$7,250

Travel - Individual Card (Joint-Several Liability - *Paid by Employee*)	\$500,000	59	-43.5	1.02%	\$5,075
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<sup>\*</sup>File turn for Individual Travel Cards is the average monthly payment timeliness for all Individually Billed Accounts within each Entity.

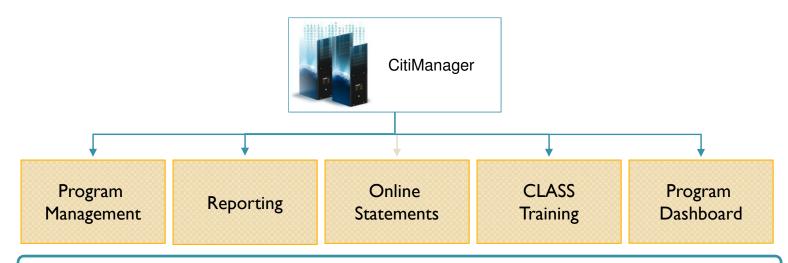
Agency "A" Total Annual Rebate Earned: \$28,775

Agency "B" Total Annual Sales Volume: \$1,500,000

Central Bill / Card Program Type	Annual Sales Volume	File Turn Days	Early Payment Basis Points	Combined Rebate % Earned	Total Rebate Revenue
One Card (Purchasing/Travel - Corporate Liability)	\$1,500,000	21	9	1.54%	\$23,100

Agency "B" Total Annual Rebate Earned: \$23,100

### Single sign-on for Program Administrators and Cardholders



#### **Benefits**

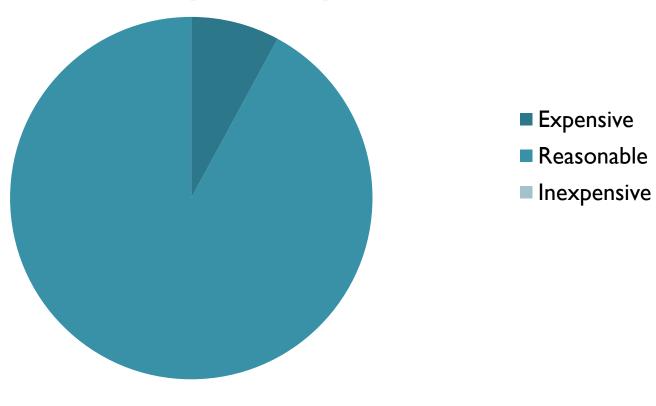
- Global Data Repository 3 years of data, including enhanced data, online at the users finger tips
- Statement reconciliation and approval workflow
- Ad-Hoc Report capability
- Standard Report Queries
- Analyze purchasing patterns quickly and accurately Improve negotiations with vendors
- Better tracking of State spending at any level
- Benchmark capability

# Travel Agency Services

- Reasons to Use a Travel Agent
  - Customer advocacy to act on your behalf
  - Expert guidance fares, passports, TSA, etc.
  - Personalized service a REAL live person!
  - Unbiased works for their client >> YOU!
- Estimate of Cost Savings
  - American Society of Travel Agents
    - Average Service Fee: \$36
    - Contract Service Fees: \$8.00 \$13.45 below
    - FY10: 40,940 airline tickets
  - Conservative Savings Estimate: \$327,520

## 2011 STMP Customer Survey

How would you rank the Service Fee charged by the awarded travel agency(ies) servicing your entity?



Travel Agency Service Fees

# 2011 STMP Customer Survey

### On average how would you rate the service of the State Travel agencies?

Answer Options	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Customer Service	21	14	0	0	1.40	35
Responsiveness	19	14	2	0	1.51	35
Problem Resolution	17	16	0	1	1.56	34
Confidence that Lowest Fare Booked	11	20	3	1	1.83	35
Consistent Knowledge of State Contracts	16	17	1	0	1.56	34
Provide Guidance to Maintain Traveler Compliance	10	22	2	0	1.76	34

## Airfare Price Agreements

- Fully Refundable and Changeable without additional Airline Fees
  - Unrestricted Fare(s)
    - Last Seat Availability
  - Capacity Controlled Fare(s)
    - Limited # of Seats
- Purchased by the awarded Travel Agencies
- Use is an internal business decision
- Awarded Vendors
  - Frontier Ancillary Fees WAIVED
  - Great Lakes Ancillary Fees WAIVED
  - United Baggage Fees NOT Waived

## Automobile Rental Agreements

#### **KEY ELEMENTS**

- WSCA Agreements
  - \$1 Million Liability
  - Full loss/damage waiver
  - Roadside assistance
  - One-Way rentals up to 500 miles [at no additional cost]
  - Short term and long term options
  - Full Selection of vehicles, including 15P's
  - ALL Vendors Locations Included

- State BOA's
  - \$300,000 Liability
  - Full loss/damage waiver
  - Roadside assistance
  - One-Way rentals within the State [at no additional cost]
  - Short term and long term options
  - Full Selection of vehicles
  - Corporate LocationsONLY

### **AUTOMOBILE RENTAL MATRIX**

AVIS	Budget	Budget Truck	Enterprise National	Hertz
State BOA	State BOA	State BOA	WSCA	WSCA
A514100	T143800	56000133710	Ent: G65117 Nat: XZ12450	65579
18 Years	21 Years	24 Years (Youthful driver [21-23] \$18 per day surcharge WAIVED)	18 Years	18 Years
Customer Service	Customer Service	Customer Service	Customer Service	Customer Service
Preferred Service E-toll	Fast Break E-toll	<u>User Guide</u>	<u>User Guide</u>	#I Club Gold GOLD Guide E-toll
<u>Rates</u>	<u>Rates</u>	Colorado Locations Rates Other Fees	Ent: Rates Nat: Rates	<u>Rates</u> <u>Sample Receipt</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	Insurance CTC Guidance (Third-Party Billing)	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
CTC Form	CTC Form	CTC Form	CTC Form	CTC Form
<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
			Large Van Addendum	
<u>SPA</u>	<u>SPA</u>	SPA	SPA	<u>SPA</u>
Int'l Rates Program  Locations  Locations  Locations  Locations	Int'l Rates/Locations	N/A	International Rates	International Rates
		www.c	colorado.go	ov/cravei
A514100 Rate Code required for International Rentals	T143800  Rate Code required  for International  Rentals			

### STMP In-State Lodging Directory

- Invitation to Participate
  - Economically Preferable (Below GSA Per Diem)
    - and/or
  - Environmentally Preferable
    - Properties that meet a minimum of 10 or more Green Seal Environmental Standards for Lodging Properties will be showcased in the STMP In-State Lodging Directory in support of the Governor's Executive Order D 005 05 Greening of State Government. Please list your compliance by the "Green Seal" criteria codes (e.g. Tissue Paper GS-01) available online - Green Seal Environmental Standards for Lodging Properties.)
  - Fully-Automated Online Process for hotel properties to participate

# WSCA Lodging

- WSCA Lodging is a nationwide program
- 10,000 qualified lodging facilities
- Honor GSA Per-Diem Rates for State and Political Subdivision
- WSCA Lodging is currently being hosted on the State of Oregon website.

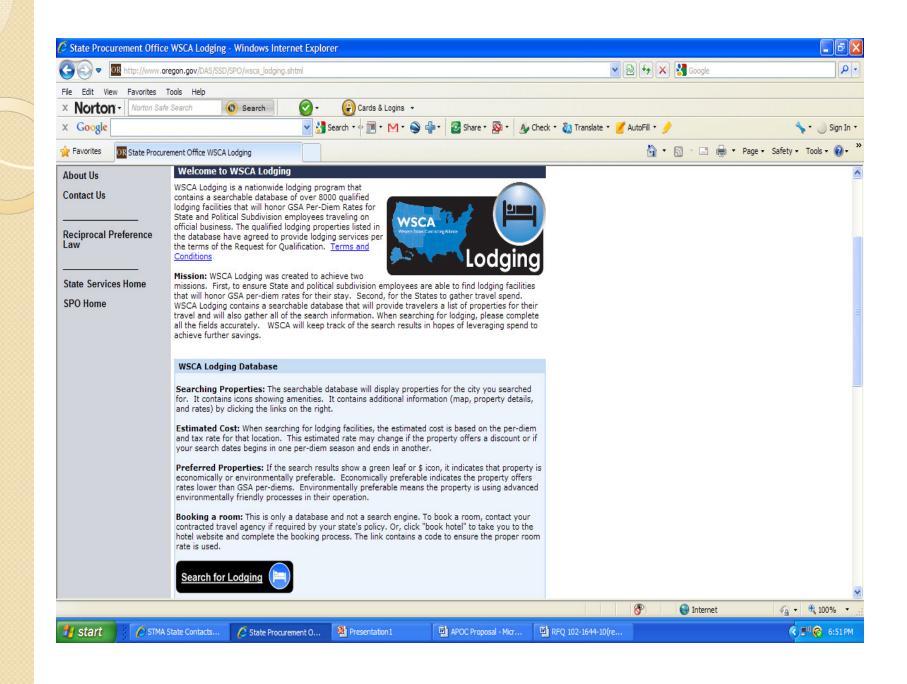


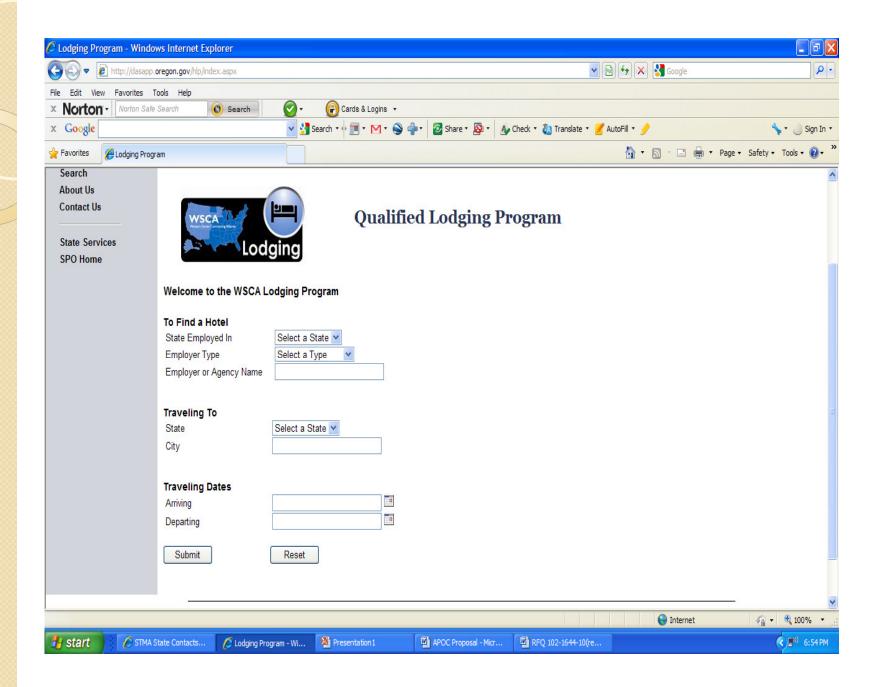
# WSCA Lodging T/C's

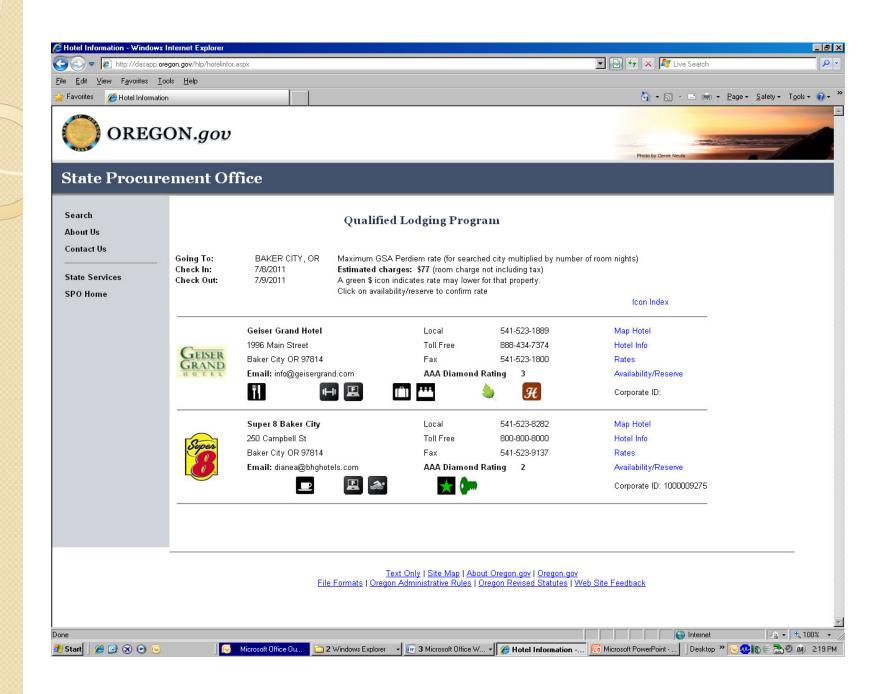
- At or below GSA Per-diem Rates
- Will rent to 18 years and older
- Is not allowed to pre-charge for rooms
- Will accept reservations through travel agencies, toll free number and website
- Encourages last room availability and no black out dates
- Accepts all major credit cards

# Properties shall <u>not</u> charge Participant Travelers the following fees:

- Change/Cancellation Fee if change or cancellation is received prior to 4:00 PM the day of check-in
- Booking, Deposit or Reservation Fee
- Short notice reservation fee
- Early Departure Fee
- Flat City Tax (State and local room taxes exempt from this tax)
- Parking fee when staying with no vehicle
- Resort fees
- Energy fees





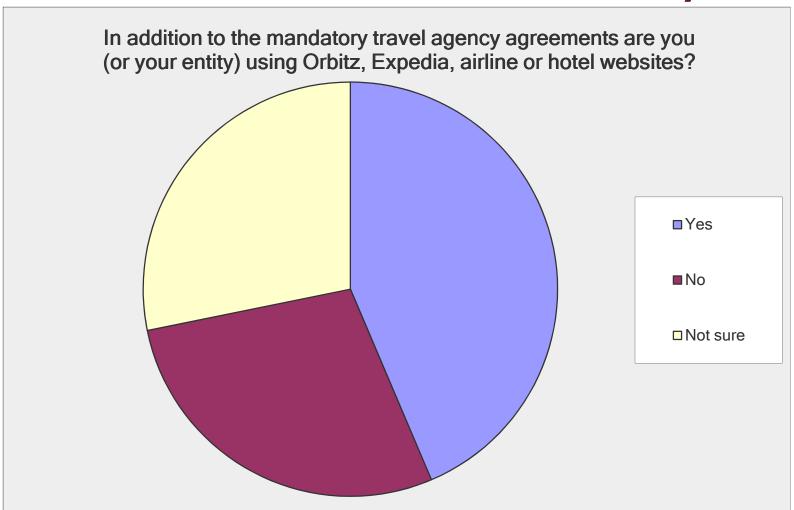


### STMP INNOVATION

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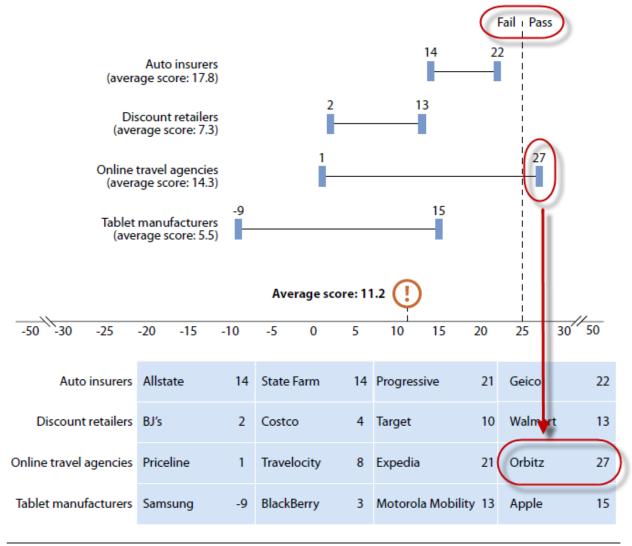
Mark Twain

# 2011 STMP Customer Survey



CUSTOMER SERVICE NEED IDENTIFIED

# 2011 Forrester's Best & Worst of Website User Experience



### NEXT STEPS ...

- SOC is READY for ONE On-line Booking Tool
  - Orbitz For Business
  - Travelocity
  - Expedia
- STMP/SPO Attempted Sole Source Agreement
- Next steps to be determined . . .
  - Await Outcome of O4B Litigation
  - Attempt Another Sole Source

### STMP STRATEGIC PARTNERS

"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them."

Mark Twain

### Strategic Partners

- University of Colorado
- City/County of Denver
- Jefferson County
- Boulder County Sheriff
- In *Progress*:
  - UNC
  - CSM
  - CSU

# Enhance Performance with a PARTNERSHIP!



